GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF MAIZE FROM A.P
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to procure more maize from farmers of Andhra Pradeshdue to glut in the production of maize;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several of these farmers are shifting their cultivation to tobacco; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : The arrival of maize in the markets of Andhra Pradesh is almost over. During the current Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001, a quantity of 20451 MTs and 18891 MTs of maize has been procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the AP MARKFED respectively.The Food Corporation of India has opened 44 purchase centres in Andhra Pradesh in consultation with the State Government. The State Government`s nominee i.e. AP MARKFED has also opened 32 purchase centres for procuring maize under price support operations at Minimum Support Price to help the farmers.

(c) & (d) : The Government is not aware of any such development.